(a) the number of schools selected to computer education and study programme of NCERT in Kerala;

(b) the details of the amount sanctioned by the Union Government during 1990-91 under this programme; and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) to (c) Under the Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) Project being implemented since 1984-85, 104 Secondary Schools have been selected for coverage in Kerala upto 1989-90 No new school has been selected under the project since 1990-91. An amount of Rs 3,32,500/ was sanctioned in 1990 91 to the NCERT for disbursement to the State Nodal Officer towards contingent grant for 95 schools @Rs. 3500/- per school where computers had actually been installed.

Service In Rural Areas by Doctors

2151 SHRI N. DENNIS. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether services by doctors in rural areas of the country has been made compulsory;

(b) if so, the States and Union Territories that have implemented this schemes;

(c) the reasons for not implementing this scheme by other States and Union Territories; and

(d) the steps taken to make this scheme applicable uniformly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). The Central Council of Health and Family Welfare at its meeting held in February 1989, recommended that the Central and State Governments should make it compulsory for all those doctors joining Government service to serve for two years in rural areas with out any exception. The recommendation has been circulated to all concerned As per available information, the States of Gujarat, Kerala, Tamil-Ndu, Karnatka and Orissa have been made it obligatory for doctors to serve in rural areas the States of Maharashtra and Meghalaya obtain bonds for m medical students to serve in rural areas after graduation.

There is no central scheme prescribing compulsory rural service for doctors in rural areas. However in order to orient the medical students towards rural service, the Reorientation of Medical Education (ROME) Scheme was introduced as a Centrally sponsored scheme in the country in 1977 involving the various medical colleges for direct delivery of health care services to the rural and semi-rural population. The main principles of the scheme have also been incorporated in the Regulations of the Medical Council of India and all medical colleges are required to implement these Regulations The Scheme has been transferred to the States in 1990.

Import of Electric Locomotives

2152. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY:
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have placed an order for the outright purchase of electric locomotives from a Swedish-German firm; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?